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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

There are no amendments to the drawings being presented herewith.

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## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

No amendments to the specification or drawings are being presented herewith. Claims 6 and 9 remain in this application. Claims 1 - 5, 7, 8, and 10 - 17 have been canceled.

The Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 6 and 9 are directed to allowable subject matter if each is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment Applicants have rewritten Claims 6 and 9 so that both are in independent form and include all of the limitations of the original base claim and original intervening claims.

In view of the remarks herein, and the amendments hereto, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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